

Canyon Deaths Anger Frequent Commuter *me too*

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Provo Canyon may not have the national reputation carried by the Nephi Death Strip (I-15 south of Nephi), but recent fatalities on the winding U.S.-189 through Provo Canyon are giving it a bad reputation with many who drive it daily.

"You're taking your life into your hands even to drive that canyon. We need to put some pres-

sure on some people to do something," Midway resident Jerry Zenger said two days after five died in one canyon mishap.

Zenger drives the canyon to and from his business in north Orem.

"In the last two years, I've personally seen 10-15 deisels which have rolled over," Zenger says.

Officer Fran Fillmore of the Orem Police Department said it is hard to come up with a figure on

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Accidents

Still Abound

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how often truck rollovers occur, but he would estimate roughly one every 1½ months.

Then, there are the deaths. Two accidents with fatalities have occurred in 54 days in 1986.

Five family members were killed Monday when a trucker failed to maintain control of his truck and tipped over, hitting the car loaded with a Wyoming family coming to see the Ramses II exhibit in Provo.

And, a Salt Lake City truck driver died Jan. 15 as he attempted to avoid hitting a car and ended up slamming into an embankment.

A check with an accident log book kept by the Utah Highway Patrol in Orem indicates there have been two canyon accidents in March and eight in February; 14 in January; six in December and eight in November.

Those accidents range in severity from minor property damage to having caused six deaths.

The UHP log book at the Orem office does not identify all the reported accidents in the canyon, however. Some accidents are dispatched out of the the UHP office serving Wasatch County and others are handled by Orem and Provo Police Departments.

But, figures from the Orem UHP office log book do provide a comparison. They indicate the Provo Canyon accounts for almost one in every ten accidents the UHP investigates in the Utah County area. The UHP is responsible for accidents occurring on I-15 and state roads, including many major roads within the cities.

"Anytime you have a road with curves and no-passing zones, you're going to get some accidents," said UHP Lt. Jim Utley. He said a comparison with the Nephi Death Strip isn't fair since the Death Strip does not cut through the similar mountainous terrain.

"It's a canyon," he said. "You get bad weather in the canyon and you're just going to have a lot of accidents."

He said sometimes Provo Canyon receives more accidents than Spanish Fork Canyon and sometimes it is the other way around.

Fillmore said speed and road design account for many of the accident in Provo Canyon. He pointed out there is no sign warning the road narrows from four to two lanes heading eastbound into the canyon and he noted the road banks one way and then the other near a turn which causestruck loads to shifted back and forth increasing danger drivers will lose control.

A September traffic count showed 6,669 vehicles use the Provo Canyon each day. Zenger suggested something must be done to help protect those drivers. He said he is trying to get a movement together to appeal to the governor or to the Utah Department of Transportation to take precautions.

Perhaps trucks should be banned from the canyon or perhaps warning signs should be put up at each end of the Canyon noting the number of deaths that have occurred, he said.

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their trip to Vancouver, Canada, might impede any trips, he said.

"The last days of an exhibit are always the busiest."

After the exhibit closes April 5, he must examine each artifact before it is packed and put on the plane for Vancouver. During the last weeks of Ramses' stay at BYU, however, Yacoub is ready to answer any questions people raise about the artifacts.

BYU's display of the Ramses II exhibit is of the same quality as other Egyptian exhibits around the world. "There is no difference in how they're exhibited. It depends on the room."

When Yacoub accompanied the exhibit of gods and kings in West Germany, however, fewer visitors crowded into that exhibit than come to see Ramses.

But in Germany the exhibit had already been in other nearby cities and many people had already seen it. On the average 2,000 people visited that exhibit each day compared with about 5,000 per day at BYU.

Back in Egypt Yacoub is in charge of archaeological excavations — determining which applications for excavations should be approved.

He and the permanent committee discuss the application, determine if it should be approved and inform the applicants about the regulations involved.

Anne Barker

Anne Barker, 8, Evanston, Wyo., died Monday, March 10, 1986, in an automobile accident in Provo Canyon.

She was born Jan. 12, 1978.

She was in the second grade. She brought the grand champion lamb to the county fair one year.

Survivors include grandparents: William F. and Effie Smith Barker, Downey, Calif., and H. Lhomond and Barbara Jones, Provo, and one sister: Marsha Barker, Evanston.



Anne Barker

Services will be 11 a.m. Friday at the Evanston 7th Ward LDS Church, Second and Sage Streets, Evanston. Friends may at the church 6-8 p.m. Thursday and one hour before services Friday.

Burial will be announced by Crandall Funeral Home, Evanston.

Heber Morley

Heber Ashley Morley, 84, of Tooele, died Tuesday, March 11, 1985 in Salt Lake City of causes incident to age.

He was born Nov. 25, 1901 in Moroni to Heber Chase and Elizabeth Kemp Morley. He never married.

He is survived by one sister, Phyllis Olsen of Salt Lake City.

Graveside services will be Friday at 3 p.m. in the Mt. Pleasant City Cemetery. Friends may call at the Wheeler Mortuary, 211 E. 200 S., Springville, 1-1:30 p.m. Friday.

Death Notices

Dr. Grant W. Lee, 84, of Provo, died Sunday, March 9, 1986 in Hemmet, Calif., while visiting a son. Services will be Saturday, 1 p.m. in the Pleasant View Sixth Ward Chapel, 2445 N. 650 E., Provo. Friends may call 11 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Burial will be in the Provo City Cemetery.